

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 387

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to commend J.C. Ferrell for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the Chief of Police for Tullahoma.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. J.C. Ferrell is one such estimable law enforcement professional who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as the Chief of Police for the Tullahoma Police Department, Mr. Ferrell has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Ferrell joined the Tullahoma Police Department in 1973, as a patrolman; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1975, and, two years later, to Detective Captain, in which capacity he oversaw all criminal investigations; in 1987, he was promoted to Operations Division Captain, managing both the Investigations Unit and the Traffic Division; and

WHEREAS, after ably serving two stints as interim chief during the 1980's, J.C. Ferrell was appointed to Chief of Police in February of 1989; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, he has attended numerous specialized schools and seminars dealing with all aspects of law enforcement and has been an active member of the Tennessee Association of Chief of Police for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ferrell lends his time and talents to the Boards of both the Coffee County Consolidated Communications Center and the Coffee County 911 Emergency Communications District; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ferrell's remarkable success as a public servant and law enforcement leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to relate well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Chief J.C. Ferrell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend J.C. Ferrell for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Chief of Police of the Tullahoma Police Department and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.